

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, April 23, 2012, 2012 at the Ag & Extension Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Norb Dantine-Chairman; Bernie Erickson, Dave Kaster, Tom Sieber, Dave Landwehr,
Norb VandeHei

Also Present: Bill Hafs

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 6:00p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, Seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

III. Election for Chair.

Supervisor Erickson nominated Supervisor Dantine as Chairman.

Supervisor Kaster nominated Supervisor Dantine as Chairman.

Motion made by N. Vande Hei and seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to close nominations.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Dantine elected as Chairman by unanimous ballot.

IV. Election of Vice-Chair.

Supervisor Erickson nominated Supervisor Kaster as Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. Vande Hei to close nominations.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Kaster elected as Vice-Chairman by unanimous ballot.

V. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of March 26, 2012.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster and seconded by N. Vande Hei to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Update March 2012 (to be distributed at LCC meeting).

Hafs provided handouts(attached) and stated that he had changed the format to show the 2012

budget with the 2012 year to date transactions and then added how it compared to the 2011 budget. He informed that a lot of the department was grant funded and they will lag behind late in the year and then they will get reimbursed by the State at that point. The second budget handout tracks all their grants which are kept separately and was 100% funded by the granting agency in this case the federal government. The handout showed the final numbers for 2011.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, Seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Budget Adjustment (12-47): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.**

These were the annual allocations from the state; the state gave fewer dollars than they had in previous years. The two items for \$9,758 were the cost shares which were removed from the budget. \$18,259 was the staffing amount that the state reduced. Hafs informed that this was a problem and to make the budget balanced Hafs stated they won't hire a summer intern (\$4,007, \$295 fringe benefits) and they added to their permits \$13,957, which was based on where the current fees were going. He felt they could make that up.

Hafs informed that the Working Lands Initiative was a good program and brought in significant dollars to land owners in the county but felt there was a big issue that needed to be discussed. If the state was going to continue to cut on their staffing and expect them to do the state mandated programs, what were they going to do? Their staff does all the paperwork and inspections of property every four years. Years ago the state gave them a person to do that. He stated they will be okay this year but worried if there would be more cuts in the future.

It was questioned whether or not this could be done privately. Hafs responded that the statutes were clear it had to be done by Land Conservation. He informed that nutrient management plans were done privately but there were requirements were that their department had to check those. They charge \$5-\$6/acre.

Vande Hei stated that there was discussion last year to collect \$1 per acre that the ones were in the program to cover the costs to employ another person. Hafs stated they could do that but they had to make sure enough people participated in the program to cover the costs. He felt the state should have collected a fee instead of putting it on the county.

Landwehr questioned if the inspections could be done by satellite. Hafs responded that their air photos are really good and this had been discussed it in the office but the state had made it clear that they want someone to physically go there and talk with the landowner. He explained there was a fair amount of paperwork that needed to be completed as well.

After further discussion the committee decided to bring this issue back up at budget time.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, Seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Request for variance from Animal Waste Management Ordinance Setback requirements for Feedlot for Kevin Collins, Morrison.**

Hafs informed it was staff's recommendation to approve this request. A letter from the neighbor was included in their packet stating he was o.k. with this. This was basically building a feedlot within 80' of a property line, ordinance stated 100'.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, Seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Adjourn:**

Hafs welcomed the new Supervisors and provided them with a Land Conservation Department annual work plan and their annual report from last year.

Motion by Supervisor N. Vande Hei, seconded Kaster by to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary